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SETTING UP OF COMMISSION FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Central Commission for disabled to study their problems and formulate guidelines for solving them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the work of the Commission is likely to start; and

(d) the time by which the Commission is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) The National Commission for Persons with Disabilities(NCPD), has been set up to discharge following functions:

(i) Recommend to the Central Government specific programmes of action towards elimination of inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities for disabled persons so that they re assessed for their abilities despite disabilities and given the appropriate education, vocational training and poverty alleviation packages, employment and other support services to achieve the goal of psycho-social and acceptance and full participation in the social and economic life of the country.

(ii) Review the status and condition of Institutions delivering services in the disability sector and make recommendations; and

(iii) Submit annual reports to the Central and State Government on matters concerning persons with disabilities alongwith their recommendations.

(iv) Discharge any other work assigned by the Central Government from time to time.

The Commission consists of one Chairperson, one Member Secretary, 2 full time members and 5 associate members. Currently, there are only 4 associate members in addition to the full time members, Chairperson and Member Secretary.

(c) & (d) The Commission had started functioning in March 2004 and is required to submit Annual Reports.